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**Office Action Summary**

Application No.

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Applicant(s)

SUZUKI ET AL.

Examiner

Jimmy T. Vu

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**Period for Reply**

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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**Status**

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 29 December 2004.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**.                      2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

**Disposition of Claims**

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 19-27 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 19-25 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 26 and 27 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

**Application Papers**

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

**Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119**

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All    b) ☐ Some \*    c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- \* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

**Attachment(s)**

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| 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)   | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)<br>Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ |
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## **DETAILED ACTION**

### ***Response to Arguments***

Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 19-27 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Despite applicant's disagreement, the examiner decides to provide new rejection as below. Other references have been incorporated to strengthen the examiner's position with respect to the electroluminescence display apparatus.

### ***Double Patenting***

1. The nonstatutory double patenting rejection is based on a judicially created doctrine grounded in public policy (a policy reflected in the statute) so as to prevent the unjustified or improper timewise extension of the "right to exclude" granted by a patent and to prevent possible harassment by multiple assignees. See *In re Goodman*, 11 F.3d 1046, 29 USPQ2d 2010 (Fed. Cir. 1993); *In re Longi*, 759 F.2d 887, 225 USPQ 645 (Fed. Cir. 1985); *In re Van Ornum*, 686 F.2d 937, 214 USPQ 761 (CCPA 1982); *In re Vogel*, 422 F.2d 438, 164 USPQ 619 (CCPA 1970); and, *In re Thorington*, 418 F.2d 528, 163 USPQ 644 (CCPA 1969).

A timely filed terminal disclaimer in compliance with 37 CFR 1.321(c) may be used to overcome an actual or provisional rejection based on a nonstatutory double patenting ground provided the conflicting application or patent is shown to be commonly owned with this application. See 37 CFR 1.130(b).

Effective January 1, 1994, a registered attorney or agent of record may sign a terminal disclaimer. A terminal disclaimer signed by the assignee must fully comply with 37 CFR 3.73(b).

2. Claims 26 and 27 are rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1 and 4-7 of U.S. Patent No. 6,727,871 B1. Although the conflicting claims are not identical, they are not patentably distinct from each other because '595 teaches all of the limitations of the

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electroluminescence display apparatus as claimed in claims 26 and 27 of the present invention.

This is a provisional obviousness-type double patenting rejection.

***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102***

3. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

4. Claims 26 and 27 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Segawa (U.S. Patent number 6,492,778 B1).

Regarding claim 26, Segawa discloses an electroluminescence display apparatus comprising:

a first electrode (61) formed above a substrate;

an emissive element layer (62) formed on said first electrode, the emissive element layer inherently comprises an organic layer that includes at least organic emissive molecules (col. 6, lines 40-52);

a second electrode (63) formed on said emissive element; and

the thickness of said first electrode is less than  $\frac{1}{2}$  the thickness of said emissive element layer (Figs. 2A-2B and 5; col. 1, lines 20-67; col. 2, lines 5-67; col. 5, lines 40-67).

Regarding claim 13, Segawa discloses an electroluminescence display apparatus comprising:

a first electrode (61) formed above a substrate;

a emissive element layer (62) formed on said first electrode, the emissive element layer inherently comprises an organic layer that includes at least organic emissive molecules (col. 6, lines 40-52);

a second electrode (63) formed on said emissive element; and

the thickness of said first electrode is less than  $1/3$  the thickness of said emissive element layer (Figs. 2A-2B and 5; col. 1, lines 20-67; col. 2, lines 5-67; col. 5, lines 40-67).

#### ***Allowable Subject Matter***

5. Claims 19-25 are allowed.

6. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

None of the prior art teaches the electroluminescence display apparatus wherein the thickness of the first electrode is less than  $1/2$  the thickness of the emissive element layer and the thickness of the emissive element layer is approximately 200nm.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

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***Conclusion***


7. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Jimmy T Vu whose telephone number is (571) 272-1832. The examiner can normally be reached on M - F: 9 - 6:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Don Wong can be reached on (571) 272-1834. The fax phone numbers for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned are (703) 872-9306.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is (571) 272-2800.

Jimmy Vu

March 09, 2005

  
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PRIMARY EXAMINER**